

PRESUMPTIVE HOURLY FEE SCHEDULE FOR EXPERT SERVICES PROVIDED IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT CASES

District of Arizona
January 2009

Service Provider/Expert	Hourly Rate
Investigators	\$55 (\$30/Travel Time)
Paralegals/law clerks ¹	\$45
Computer Forensics	\$150
DNA Expert	\$150
Fingerprint Expert	\$100
Ballistics/Firearms	\$175
Forensic Accountant	\$150
Handwriting	\$100
Mitigation (capital cases)	\$75
Neuropsychologist	\$150
Psychiatrist	\$250
Psychologist	\$150

The hourly fees shown above have been approved by the Court as presumptive, meaning that these are the hourly rates the Court will approve absent special circumstances, demonstrated by the litigant, or found by the Court.

Any request for an increase to these rates must be accompanied by a detailed statement indicating the basis for a claim of inability to find an expert willing to serve at that rate, or a statement demonstrating the uniqueness of the case calling for special expertise. The rate approved is always subject to a cap on the total amount approved, and the court may also, in its discretion, order a different hourly rate for testimony, travel, and may also order a flat rate for certain services, i.e., polygraphs, competency exams, and neurological testing.

¹ Counsel who employ in-house paralegal and/or law clerk staff may be paid at a rate that is less than or equal to the hourly cost (salary and benefits, not including overhead) to the firm, not to exceed \$45 per hours